

OLC 78-0232

15 February 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John F. Blake, Deputy Director for
AdministrationFROM : Mr. [REDACTED], Acting Legislative Counsel
SUBJECT : Lifting of the Moratorium on the Destruction
of Agency Documents (U)

1. (U) We discussed with Professor G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, House Select Committee on Assassinations, if his Committee would have any objection to the resumption of normal destruction of documents in view of the decision of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to lift the moratorium. Attached is a copy of the Director's letter to Chairman Thomas N. Downing not to lift the moratorium without the Committee's approval.

2. (U) Mr. Blakey requested that since the Committee's review of Agency documents is in high gear, he did not want to discuss the lifting of the moratorium for at least six weeks when he feels most of the review will be completed. I am pleased to note that the Committee staff was most appreciative of the assistance provided by Mr. [REDACTED] explaining Agency documents and filing systems which greatly facilitated the Committee's review.

3. (U) It is requested that the moratorium remain in effect. We will, together with Mr. [REDACTED] contact the Committee in six weeks and at that time seek clearance for the lifting of the moratorium to resume normal destruction.

Attachment

cc: Mr. [REDACTED]